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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Venessa Keesler, Ph.D. 
Deputy Superintendent, Education Services

SUBJECT: Waiver Request from U.S. Department of Education for Title III,
Part A, Annual Measurable Achievement Objective #1

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) is required by Title III, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to calculate three Annual Measurable Objectives (AMAOs) for Limited English Proficiency (LEP), also known as English learners (ELs). The three AMAOs include AMAO #1, which measures the percentage of ELs making "progress" on the State English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA); AMAO #2, which measures the progress of ELs in attaining English proficiency on ELPA; and AMAO #3, which measures whether districts have achieved Accountability Scorecard targets for the LEP/EL subgroup on the statewide assessments in both subject areas of mathematics and reading.

Due to the transition from ELPA to the World Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA), the MDE is requesting the U.S. Department of Education to grant us a waiver of the requirement to calculate AMAO 1 for school year 2013-2014. Specifically, the MDE is seeking approval for this waiver to allow LEAs within Michigan to be exempt from accountability for AMAO #1 determination during the transition year to the WIDA summative assessments.

This waiver request may be accessed [here](#).

Please feel free to contact Shereen Tabrizi, Ph.D. at 517-373-9524, or e-mail, TabriziS@michigan.gov, if you have any questions regarding this request. Thank you for your consideration.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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